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p1103: Factoring with box when $a = \text{prime}$ (v3)

Example

Use the box to factor $2x^2 - 9x - 18$.

Guess and check, based on factor pairs of -18 , until you find the pair that results in a linear coefficient of -9 after combining like terms.

*	x	-6
2x	$2x^2$	$-12x$
3	$3x$	-18

$2x^2 - 12x + 3x - 18$

Combine like terms.

$2x^2 - 9x - 18$

ANSWER: $(2x + 3)(x - 6)$

Question 1

Use the box to factor $3x^2 + 17x + 20$.

*	x	4
3x	$3x^2$	$12x$
5	$5x$	20

ANSWER: $(3x + 5)(x + 4)$

Question 2

Use the box to factor $5x^2 + 37x - 72$.

*	x	9
5x	$5x^2$	$45x$
-8	-8x	-72

ANSWER: $(5x - 8)(x + 9)$

Question 3

Use the box to factor $7x^2 - 72x + 81$.

*	x	-9
7x	$7x^2$	-63x
-9	-9x	81

ANSWER: $(7x - 9)(x - 9)$